Amendments to the Specification

1.   Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 8, which starts with "**Figure 3** shows", with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 3 shows a diagram of a software architecture for ~~and~~ an embodiment of the invention. The process of providing an accurate price quote to the customer is illustrated as a flow diagram in **Figure 4**. It begins with automatically analyzing the customer's input data on the customer's computer system using an Application-Specific Module (ASM) **300**, as indicated by block **400**. The ASM is tailored to a particular compute-intensive application. In this exemplary embodiment, the ASM is specific to a computer graphics rendering application, such as Maya™ or RenderMan™. However, the ASM **300** is not limited to computer graphics rendering applications. For example, the ASM could be tailored to an electronic logic simulator.